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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1 through 30 remain in this application. Claims 1, 6, 8, 10, 15, 19, 24 and 26 have been amended.

Claims 1 through 28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by WO 01/65,807 A2 to Waesterlid ("Waesterlid publication"). Based on the statements at the bottom of page 6 of the above Action, Applicants assume that claim 30 is also rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by the Waesterlid publication. Claim 29 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over the Waesterlid publication in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,157,378 A to Bormann, et al. ("Bormann, et al. patent").

Claim 1 as amended provides, *inter alia*, providing a plurality of logon identifiers for a device associated with a first subscriber, each of the plurality of logon identifiers corresponding to one of the plurality of users utilizing the device. Claim 10 as amended provides, *inter alia*, a processor being operable to provide a plurality of logon identifiers for a device associated with a first subscriber in which each of the plurality of logon identifiers corresponds to one of the plurality of users utilizing the device. Claim 19 as amended provides, *inter alia*, a first routine that directs the controller to provide a plurality of logon identifiers for a device associated with a first subscriber, each of the plurality of logon identifiers corresponding to one of the plurality of users utilizing the device. Thus, claims 1, 10 and 19 as amended are directed to a plurality of

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users utilizing a single device by having each logon identifier of the device corresponding to a particular user.

In contrast, the Waesterlid publication describes a method in which each member of an affinity group is provided with a communication device for communicating with other members of the affinity group. Likewise, the Bormann, et al. patent describe a graphical user interface of a distributed switch for monitoring and coordinating operators. The Waesterlid publication and the Bormann, et al. patent, individually or in combination, do not describe or suggest a plurality of users utilizing a single device, let alone a plurality of users utilizing a single device by having each logon identifier of the device corresponding to a particular user, as required by claims 1, 10 and 19 as amended. Therefore, claims 1, 10 and 19 as amended distinguish patentably from the Waesterlid publication, the Bormann, et al. patent, and the combination of these references.

Claims 2 through 9, 11 through 18, 20 through 30 depend from and include all limitations of independent claims 1, 10 and 19 as amended. Therefore, claims 2 through 9, 11 through 18, 20 through 30 distinguish patentably from the Waesterlid publication, the Bormann, et al. patent, and the combination of these references for the reasons stated above for claims 1, 10 and 19.

Claims 6, 8, 16, 24 and 26 as amended further distinguish from the cited references. In particular, claims 6, 8, 16, 24 and 26 provide, *inter alia*, status information indicating "nearby". As stated at page 11, lines 5 through 8, of the specification, a status of "nearby" may indicate that a user is not currently participating in real-time communication but may become available to participate in real-time communication. Thus, the "nearby" status has significant applicability to a situation where a plurality of users utilize a single device. The Waesterlid publication and the

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Bormann, et al. patent, individually or in combination, do not describe or suggest a plurality of users utilizing a single device, let alone a plurality of users utilizing a status of "nearby" for a single device, as required by claims 6, 8, 16, 24 and 26 as amended. Therefore, claims 6, 8, 16, 24 and 26 as amended further distinguish patentably from the Waesterlid publication, the Bormann, et al. patent, and the combination of these references.

In view of the above, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1 through 30 are respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

No amendment made was related to the statutory requirements of patentability unless expressly stated herein. Also, no amendment made was for the purpose of narrowing the scope of any claim, unless Applicants have argued herein that such amendment was made to distinguish over a particular reference or combination of references.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct any additional fees arising as a result of this response, including any fees for Extensions of Time, or any other communication from or to credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-2117.

It is submitted that the claims clearly define the invention, are supported by the specification and drawings, and are in a condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. Should the Examiner have any

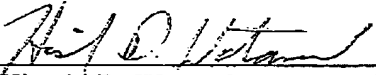
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questions or concerns that may expedite prosecution of the present application, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned.

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